



Richard Oestreich

April 10, 2025

Richard Lee Oestreich, our beloved dad, uncle, grandpa and great-grandpa, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 10, 2025, just weeks before his 97th birthday. Richard (Rich) was born in Portland, Oregon to Jerry and Lee Oestreich. As a teenager, he moved to Hoquiam, Washington with his older brother, Jim—his only sibling—where he completed high school.

After high school, Richard studied to become a funeral director and began his professional career in Hoquiam, Washington at Coleman Mortuary. During that time, he met and married his first wife, Virginia. Although they would later separate, Richard happily adopted her young daughter, Shari, and lovingly raised her as his own.

In 1971, Richard moved to Moses Lake, Washington and continued working as a funeral director at Chapel of Memories. Successful in his field, he was appointed coroner in both Hoquiam and Moses Lake. He then worked for Pioneer Memorial Gardens Cemetery where he eventually would retire in 1998.

Richard was a man of faith. He grew up in the Presbyterian Church and later joined the United Methodist Church. It was during a church gathering that he met his wife of 28 years, Myrtle Miller. Together, they were members of the United Methodist Church where they worshipped and served for many years. Throughout his life, Richard enjoyed being an active member of his community. He was a proud member of numerous organizations. Enjoying his involvement with the community, he made many life long friends along the

way. He and Myrtle enjoyed traveling the world together and although they visited many countries, Africa was his favorite.

Richard was a kind, humble and humorous man and loved by many.

He had great stories to tell, wisdom to share, and a servant heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Lee, his brother, Jim, and his wife, Myrtle.

He is survived by his daughter, Shari, his son in law and friend, Sal, four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews.

Daddy, we love you and will see you again soon.

There will be a private graveside service in Davenport, Washington.

Tribute Wall



“ *Shari I absolutely adored Uncle Rich and am so happy to see he was happy in the last years of his life. He was so kindly and I miss you and him and the connection of our families. Take care.*

Colleen Johnson - March 26 at 09:59 PM



“ *So sorry to learn about Rich's passing. I got to know him after I joined Eastern Star. Such a wonderful man. I've missed seeing out & about the last few years. I always enjoyed our chats. Janelle Hearn*

Janelle Hearn - May 06, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ *May God hold you close in comfort. What a phenomenal man. God bless you all.*

Laurie Ahmann - May 02, 2025 at 01:51 AM